

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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TITLE: **MEDICAL ELECTRICAL LEAD HAVING BENDING STIFFNESSES WHICH INCREASE IN THE DISTAL DIRECTION**

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR §1.10: I hereby certify that this Utility Patent Application Transmittal and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, *EXPRESS No. EV 331 792 223 US, on this 17th day of February, 2004.

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Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ **Patent Application Transmittal**
- ☒ **Specification:**
Total pages: 58 (including claims and abstract: Spec. 28 sheets; Claims 29 sheets; Abstract 1)
- ☒ **Drawings:**
Total sheets: 12
☒ formal ☐ informal
- ☒ **Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney:**
☐ executed
☒ copy from prior application
☐ Deletion of Inventor(s) - Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b))
☒ Incorporation by Reference - *The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied above is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.*
- ☒ **Accompanying application parts:**
☐ Notification of filing a
☐ Assignment of the Invention to Medtronic, Inc.
☐ Assignment cover sheet
☐ Information Disclosure Statement
☐ PTO Form 1449
☐ Copies of IDS citations
☒ Preliminary Amendment
☐ A copy of the Petition or Conditional Petition for Extension of Time in the prior application.
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IF A CONTINUING APPLICATION:

- ☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)
of prior application Serial No. 09/947,060, filed September 6, 2001, which is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/449,936, filed November 29, 1999.
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a _____ of application Serial No. _____, filed _____, now allowed.--
- ☒ Cancel in this application original claims 2-12 and 15-121 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least the original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
- ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Medtronic, Inc.
- ☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to: Medtronic, Inc.

☐ This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) Serial No.(s) _____, filed _____.


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FEE CALCULATION	No. of Claims Filed	Claims Included in Base Fee	No. of Extra Claims	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	3	20	= 0	x 18	0
Independent Claims	1	3	= 0	x 86	0
Multiple Dependent Claims	0		0	+ 290	0
Basic Filing Fee					\$770.00
TOTAL					770.00

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☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2546. A duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed.

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